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## SIR GEORGE WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY REVISES ADMISSION PROCEDURES

Professor Donald L. Peets, Registrar of Sir George Williams University has indicated that all new full-time students admitted for the 1964-65 Academic session will have taken a series of tests administered by the University. In past years selection was based on a report from the students High School Principal and on the marks obtained on examinations in the final year at high school. Because of the increasing number of applications, a more precise system of selection is desirable. It is hoped that additional information of significance can be derived from the test series.

In addition to their usefulness in selecting candidates for admission, the test results will provide information that will enable Student Counsellors to help students make the difficult transition from high school to university. One of the alarming facts of university education is the high failure rate in first year classes.

Mr. J.A. Sproule, Director of Guidance Services at Sir George Williams University, explained that the tests cover such areas as academic potential, educational and vocational interests, reading skill and comprehension, study habits and attitudes toward study and personal adjustment. "If we can discover in advance which students need guidance or counselling, and what their specific problems are, we are in a position to help them before they fail", said Mr. Sproule. "This pre-admission testing procedure is on a trial basis. An adequate evaluation of results will be possible only after we have evidence from two or three years of experience."

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Trefflé Lacombe". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Trefflé" and last name "Lacombe" clearly distinguishable.

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Assistant to the Principal.

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